

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 94 12:01:01 PST
From: Info-Hams Mailing List and Newsgroup <info-hams@ucsd.edu>
Errors-To: Info-Hams-Errors@UCSD.Edu
Reply-To: Info-Hams@UCSD.Edu
Precedence: Bulk
Subject: Info-Hams Digest V94 #213
To: Info-Hams

Info-Hams Digest Sat, 26 Feb 94 Volume 94 : Issue 213

Today's Topics:

 486/33 to trade for 2m
 ARRL Repeater Directory
 Buying Yupiteru MVT-7100 (from ACE Communications?)
 Callsign allocations
 CQ - magazine.
 Fcc Regulations.
 How's the Kenwood TH-28A?
 IPS Daily Report
 Learning Code on the PC
 Looking for QSL routes
 MFJ speaker/mics for Yaesu FT530
 MODS REQUEST: IC-2330
 Need info on RAMSEY FX remote tuner
 On-line Repeater Directory (2 msgs)

Send Replies or notes for publication to: <Info-Hams@UCSD.Edu>
Send subscription requests to: <Info-Hams-REQUEST@UCSD.Edu>
Problems you can't solve otherwise to brian@ucsd.edu.

Archives of past issues of the Info-Hams Digest are available
(by FTP only) from UCSD.Edu in directory "mailarchives/info-hams".

We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 06:06:22 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!
csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!mcobb@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: 486/33 to trade for 2m
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I have a 486/33 PC w/8 meg ram, dual 220 hard disks, 3com ethernet controller,
mouse, VGA monitor with DOS 6.0, Workgroup for windows 3.1, powerpoint, word,
excel, aldus persuasion, etc etc etc this puppy is loaded with code. I would

like to trade for a 2m/440 packet rig. send mail to mcobb@netcom.com or
call 408-255-3228 anytime.

M

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 94 03:58:46 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcomsv!skyld!jangus@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: ARRL Repeater Directory
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <RFM.94Feb25180217@urth.eng.sun.com> rfm@urth.eng.sun.com writes:

[point and counter point on the ARRL repeater directory deleted]

> Sure, somebody could typeset the online one, have it printed up, and try to
> distribute it--but the ARRL has the volume to get economy of scale, the
> distribution network in place to get it out, brand name recognition, and a
> captive advertising audience in QST. How on earth is a competitor going to
> match that?

Simple. "Buy this directory, not a single dime goes toward the ARRL."
Considering how many hmas out there constantly bitch and moan about the
ARRL, that ad line should net millions.

Clever emoticon purposely left off. "Emoticons are the wheelchair ramps
for the humor impaired" Geoff Miller

Amateur: WA6FWI@WA6FWI.#SOCA.CA.USA.NA		"You have a flair for adding
Internet: jangus@skyld.grendel.com		a fanciful dimension to any
US Mail: PO Box 4425 Carson, CA 90749		story."
Phone: 1 (310) 324-6080		Peking Noodle Co.

Date: 25 Feb 1994 02:01:52 -0500
From: ukma!hookup!news.kei.com!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
cs.utexas.edu!utnut!nott!cunews!revcan!aficom!zone4!zone4!not-for-
mail@seismo.css.gov
Subject: Buying Yupiteru MVT-7100 (from ACE Communications?)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I saw an ad in one of the "Buyer's Guide" type magazines that came out
last December, in which ACE Communications advertised the MVT-7100 for
US \$399. I asked them for information a couple of times (by phone and
fax) with no reply. Then I asked for info from rec.radio.amateur.misc;
the person who commented about ACE Communications detailed return
hassles and said, "I won't do business with ACE."

Unfortunately, the only other place I've heard of the MVT-7100 being available is Javation, who's charging UK L385, which is way out of my league.

Can anyone solve my dilemma? Either saying, "I've ordered the MVT-7100 from ACE and it not only came in two days, but cured my recurring dreams about space aliens" or, "Order from XYZ Corp., instead---they're selling it for \$19.95 with the steak knives." would help me make up my incredibly indecisive mind...

Thanks for your help...

Andrew Jr.

--

Andrew Cornwall
andrew@zone4.ocunix.on.ca

Date: Thu, 24 Feb 1994 23:29:45 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!news.clark.edu!pacifier!mikef@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Callsign allocations
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

--
Mike Freeman, < K 7 U I J > Internet: mikef@pacifier.rain.com
... We have an equal opportunity Calculus class; it's fully integrated!

Date: 26 Feb 1994 12:41:15 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!doc.ic.ac.uk!uknet!pipex!sunic!ugle.unit.no!lise.unit.no!kenneth@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: CQ - magazine.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Can anyone E-mail me the adress to the CQ-magazine ??

I want to subscribe, now !

thanks a lot !

kenneth.

Date: 26 Feb 1994 05:08:06 GMT
From: hmwajjee@athena.mit.edu
Subject: Fcc Regulations.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hello. I am not sure if this is 100% relevant for this channel, but I figure that the people that would know anything about the area of my question are subscribed to this channel.

I am a student here at MIT that is implementing a project to "track" the MIT shuttles, so that students logged into the network will be able to find out where it is and when to wait. In order to do this, I was probably going to use a numerical code, transmitted using touch-tone (DTMF) encoders and decoders,

In order to do this, however, I would have to use a frequency on which to transmit. Thus, this project then finds itself at the hands of the FCC. I was wondering if anyone out there knows about the regulations concerning broadcasting "beeps" over the range of a few square miles in a major city. This will probably be a signal in the range of 10^1 kW. Which regulations apply? How do I find out about them? What radio bands would/could I use? Any idea as to the efficiency of such transmission?

Anyway, thanks for listening, and I hope someone out there has both the answers and the time to write back.

Replies to: hmwajjee@mit.edu

Thanks again,

Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 20:30:40 GMT
From: hearst.acc.Virginia.EDU!murdoch!faraday.clas.Virginia.EDU!wlp2y@uunet.uu.net
Subject: How's the Kenwood TH-28A?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I am currently using a Kenwood TH-75A HT. This is a dual bander (2m / 440). It has most of the bells and whistles, but doesn't do some of the newest stuff, such as paging. It is also large and heavy.

I am considering as a replacement the Kenwood TH-28A. It is only 2m TX, but, frankly, I won't miss 440 (I have used it only a few times since I have had my radio). It is smaller, lighter, allows paging and message storage (sort of), has a greater number of freq. memories, has a shorter, stockier antenna, has the same output power as my present radio... the list goes on.

If anyone owns a 28A, I would like to hear your comments.
Alternative would also be useful. Money is an object here, however.
The amount I could spend on the new radio could not be much more
than I could get for my old one.

Please post responses if you can...others may want to hear
your suggestions.

Thanks,
Will Phillips
KE4ALY
leroy@virginia.edu

--

 ** *
*** * * Wm. L. Phillips

Date: Tue, 22 Feb 1994 23:12:05 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!munnari.oz.au!
newshost.anu.edu.au!sserve!usage!metro!ipso!rwc@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: IPS Daily Report
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

IPS RADIO AND SPACE SERVICES AUSTRALIA
Daily Solar And Geophysical Report
Issued at 2330 UT 22 February 1994
Summary for 22 February and Forecast up to 25 February
IPS Warning 06 was issued on 17 Feb and is still current.

1A. SOLAR SUMMARY

Activity: Low

Flares: None.

Observed 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 107/57

1B. SOLAR FORECAST

	23 February	24 February	25 February
Activity	Low	Low	Very low
Fadeouts	None expected	None expected	None expected

Forecast 10.7 cm flux/Equivalent Sunspot Number : 105/54

1C. SOLAR COMMENT

None.

2A. MAGNETIC SUMMARY

Geomagnetic field at Learmonth : active to minor storm

Estimated Indices :	A	K	Observed A Index 21 February
Learmonth	21	5443 4322	
Fredericksburg	53		54
Planetary	65		60

2B. MAGNETIC FORECAST

DATE	Ap	CONDITIONS
23 Feb	30	Active.
24 Feb	20	Active.
25 Feb	20	Unsettled to active.

2C. MAGNETIC COMMENT

Flare induced disturbance is declining, however active levels are still expected due to coronal hole.

3A. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION SUMMARY

DATE	LATITUDE BAND		
	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
22 Feb	fair-normal	fair	poor-fair

PCA Event : Proton event ended at 22/0050UT.

3B. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION FORECAST

DATE	LATITUDE BAND		
	LOW	MIDDLE	HIGH
23 Feb	fair	poor	poor
24 Feb	normal	fair	poor
25 Feb	normal	fair	poor

3C. GLOBAL HF PROPAGATION COMMENT

An improvement in HF conditions should be seen today, however coronal hole induced activity is expected to cause further degradations.

4A. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC SUMMARY

MUFs at Sydney were 20-30% depressed 00-06UT then recovering to near normal.

T index: -9

4B. AUSTRALIAN REGION IONOSPHERIC FORECAST

DATE	T-index	MUFs
23 Feb	15	About 15% below predicted monthly values.
24 Feb	20	About 15% below predicted monthly values.
25 Feb	20	About 15% below predicted monthly values.

Predicted Monthly T Index for February is 30.

4C. AUSTRALIAN REGION COMMENT

Conditions should be improved today, however fair conditions expected till Feb 24.

--

IPS Regional Warning Centre, Sydney	IPS Radio and Space Services
email: rwc@ips.oz.au	PO Box 5606
tel: +61 2 4148329	West Chatswood NSW 2057
fax: +61 2 4148331	AUSTRALIA

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 07:41:00 GMT
From: cs.yale.edu!csusys.ctstateu.edu!kelling_chr@yale.arpa
Subject: Learning Code on the PC
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Is there an FTP site that I could pick up a program to learn code....seems to be the only thing keeping me from getting my license (no desire to take the no-code tech).

-Cj

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 02:08:05 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!slay@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Looking for QSL routes
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

: 9Z4PC	VE3FOI
: C51A	W3HNN
: CQ3H	
: CR3M	CS3MAD
: EA8AH	
: GI0SAP	GI0KOW
: HI8OMA	
: IU4U	
: LY5A	
: OH3PM	
: OT3K	ON6CK

: PA3FNE
: PI4TUE
: PR4B
: UW2F DK4VW
: V26B WT3Q
: V44NK
: VP2EJ
: VP2EJ N6ZJM
: VP2VFP AB4JI
: VY9QR VE5SF

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 94 01:36:31 -0500
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!
howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!news.delphi.com!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: MFJ speaker/mics for Yaesu FT530
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Scott Ehrlich <wy1z@netcom.com> writes:

>I am considering getting an MFJ speaker/mic for my FT530 mainly due to
>the price.

I would advise strongly against the MFJ. I bought one once and was very dissatisfied with the quality, both of the sound and the workmanship. Receive audio became distorted at only moderate volume...in order for it to be clear, you would have to have the volume so low that you would have to hold it against your ear to hear it over road noise. Also, the wires began to break within a few weeks. I bought a Yaesu and have had years of good service from it.

73 & GL de AA2DY/John Kent/jokent@delphi.com

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 09:45:30 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
Subject: MODS REQUEST: IC-2330
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <762198783snx@skyld.grendel.com> jangus@skyld.grendel.com (Jeffrey D. Angus) writes:

>
>
> Here you have it folks. the Usenet "Clueless Asshole of the Week" winner.
>
> What happened Walt, sit down on the old nutsack this morning?

Were you abused during childhood? You seem to have a fixation on certain body parts (in addition to cops' belts :).

Jeff NH6IL

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 05:58:50 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!udel!news.sprintlink.net!direct!kg7bk@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Need info on RAMSEY FX remote tuner
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Lee Devlin (devlin@lf.hp.com) wrote:

: Does anyone know sources of information on an external digital tuner
: (not using a PC or anything non-portable) to randomly tune throughout
: the FX's entire frequency range?
: Lee Devlin N3IWP | HP Little Falls Site | phone: (302) 633-8697

Don, KE7AJH, of TechnoLogic Concepts is working on one. I'll see him in about a week and will ask about it and send you an e-mail.

73, Cecil, kg7bk@indirect.com

Date: 25 Feb 94 17:19:54 -0700
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!hamblin.math.byu.edu!yvax.byu.edu!phycs1.byu.edu!peterson@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: On-line Repeater Directory
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <jfhCLsBMn.7nJ@netcom.com>, jfh@netcom.com (Jack Hamilton) writes:

>
> The ARRL isn't a for-profit organization, and its purpose isn't to make
> money. They provide many free services, such as the reciprocal operating
> information, the file server, etc. They also distribute the net directory
> in electronic form. There may be good reasons for keeping the repeater
> directory under their control, but "we have to make money off of it" isn't
> one of them.
>
> Perhaps they're working on their own electronic version?
>
> --

>
> -----
> Jack Hamilton Postal: POB 281107 SF CA 94128 USA
> jfh@netcom.com Packet: kd6ttl@w6pw.#nocal.ca.us.na

It would be great if they were. That would make life much easier. The online repeater directory was started, if you remember, after a discussion of how one was very desirable but not available. If this exercise pushes the ARRL into providing us with an electronic version of the directory then, in my opinion, the project has achieved its goal. If they don't do it then somebody else needs to - and if it requires writing a letter to each of the coordinating bodies and trying to get them to provide a copy of their list so we can enter the data and provide the data then so be it. I would just like to see somebody provide it in electronic format so that I can use the nice sorting/searching tools to find what I want without having to wander through pages and pages of fine print that is not organized in exactly the way I would like to see it.

Bryan Peterson, ki7td
ki7td@byu.edu

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 04:26:49 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!csulb.edu!csus.edu!netcom.com!jfh@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: On-line Repeater Directory
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

jangus@skyld.grendel.com (Jeffrey D. Angus) wrote:

>
> In article <jfhCLsBMn.7nJ@netcom.com> jfh@netcom.com writes:
>
> > The ARRL isn't a for-profit organization, and its purpose isn't to make
> > money. They provide many free services, such as the reciprocal operating
> > information, the file server, etc. They also distribute the net directory
> > in electronic form. There may be good reasons for keeping the repeater
> > directory under their control, but "we have to make money off of it" isn't
> > one of them.
>
> Huh? Excuse me, just because a group is listed as non-profit that doesn't
> mean that they have to operate at a loss on everything.

It doesn't mean that they have to make a profit on everything, either. I don't think that a computer-based directory and the printed directory would be in competition anyway. I'd get both. I have a printed callbook AND a CD-ROM callbook. They have different purposes.

> The non-profit
> aspect only applies to how they are taxed.

That is a terminological inexactitude. Non-profits have to justify their tax status. Non-profit status has an effect on how organizations are run and what they can do.

--

Jack Hamilton Postal: POB 281107 SF CA 94128 USA
jfh@netcom.com Packet: kd6ttl@w6pw.#nocal.ca.us.na

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 07:51:59 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <CLp60o.Dn3@ucdavis.edu>, <CLpJ87.8r@news.Hawaii.Edu>,
<CLpKv4.4qs@ucdavis.edu>.
Subject : Cow Angus (was: RFD: rec.radio.pendantic)

Reading ahead several articles I see the Angus is starting to get nasty. I can see this will be a long drawn out thread; since we share the same name I'll refer to him by his schooldays' nickname, Cow, so no one gets confused.

In article <CLpKv4.4qs@ucdavis.edu> ez006683@chip.ucdavis.edu (Daniel D. Todd) writes:

>Jeff Herman (jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu) wrote (in regard to a remark
>made by Cow Angus):

>

>: I don't get it - what's a wannabe basket-weave belt?

>

>wannabe implies one who wishes or acts in a way more consistent with a
>group of individuals of which they are not a member. It is usually

Yes, yes. I know that wannabe = want(s) to be.

>used in a derogatory fashion. For example some people call no-codes
>wannabe hams. If one were to speak with an artificial French accent they
>may be called a wannbe french(wo)man. And if one acts like it is their
>responsibility to enforce laws when it is not they are often called
>wannabe cops (can you say security officer?).
>Most police uniforms include a leather belt (and often wallet) imprinted
>with a basket-weave design.
>ergo. You were called a wannabe cop.

Why is Cow so facinated with the type of belt a cop wears? As a fireman back in Southern California (Orange County) I worked with cops daily and never took notice of the type of belt they wore. Kind of weird... One wonders what other parts of their clothing he has a fixation on.

Jeff NH6IL

Date: Fri, 25 Feb 1994 17:14:30 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!psgrain!news.clark.edu!pacifier!mikef@network.ucsd.edu
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <2970520692.0.p01258@psilink.com>,
<1994Feb17.144029.3459@ke4zv.atl.ga.us>, <CLL8pn.LAM@cscsun.rmc.edu>w
Subject : Re: Keyboards at testing sessions

In article <CLL8pn.LAM@cscsun.rmc.edu> dtiller@cscsun.rmc.edu (David Tiller) writes:

>
>I agree in principle, but wouldn't that be a little loud and distracting
>for the others? A pc keyboard is loud enough! How about cheating? What
>would stop a dishonest person from peering at the keyboard as the characters
>were typed?? Inquiring minds, and all that....
>

What??? Don't all VE sessions have an old-maid schoolteacher whose sole function is to stand behind those victims - er - examinees using keyboards/mills and bang them on the knuckles if they look at their keyboards (touch-typing and all that!)? She could, perhaps, be persuaded to bang upon the knuckles of those looking at the keyboards of others, too! :-) :-) :-)

--
Mike Freeman, < K 7 U I J > Internet: mikef@pacifier.rain.com
... We have an equal opportunity Calculus class; it's fully integrated!

Date: Sat, 26 Feb 1994 07:03:34 GMT
From: news.Hawaii.Edu!uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu!jherman@ames.arpa
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <762082182snx@skyld.grendel.com>, <762082813snx@skyld.grendel.com>,
<rcrw90-240294091440@129.188.192.6>s
Subject : Re: RAMSEY FX TRANSCEIVER

In article <rcrw90-240294091440@129.188.192.6> rcrw90@email.mot.com (Mike Waters) writes:

>In article <762082813snx@skyld.grendel.com>, jangus@skyld.grendel.com

>(Jeffrey D. Angus) wrote:

>

>>

>> In article <CLnz3x.I7B@news.Hawaii.Edu> jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu writes: >

>> > That's old news. BUT the HF maritime CW bands are still jumping with

>> > activity and the C.G. is still monitoring them, so CW on the high seas

>> > frequencies is still very much in use.

>>

>> And what frequencies might those be? How about posting them so we can practice our CW listening to *real manly men* pounding brass. (Unless of course you're afraid that some anal rententive might accuse you of promoting the jamming of HF maritime CW ops...)

>

>

>They are usually easy to spot, they are the loud CW signals that are >calling CQ for hours at a time between the ham bands. Usually next to a >SITOR or FAX signal. Sounds like electronic keyers (or computers :-) to me >though - no one sends that regularly by hand for hours at a time.

>

>I listen to them occasionally and rarely hear any actual traffic passed -

>but then I guess Jeff would say I am listening to the wrong HF band or

>something.

>

>The traffic numbers seem to increment by 2-3 a day for the stations I >monitor. I did hear a "traffic list" (waiting for transmission) that had >10 messages in it once though. They do keep *very* busy I guess :-)

>

>I will post frequencies if I remember to write them down tonight.

>

>Mike AA4MW

Foolish. The ships don't xmt on the shore station's frequencies - they work QSK - full breakin - using separte frequencies.

Listen during the weather observer reports (OBS) every 6 hours starting at 0000Z.

You're hearing the CQ tape. I'll list the 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, and 22 MHz shore calling frequencies, the ship's calling bands, the ship's low-traffic working bands, and the ship's high-traffic working bands when I get some time.

Jeff NH6IL

End of Info-Hams Digest V94 #213
